

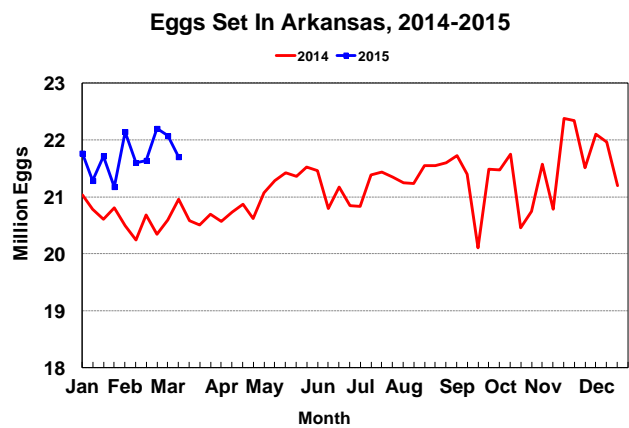
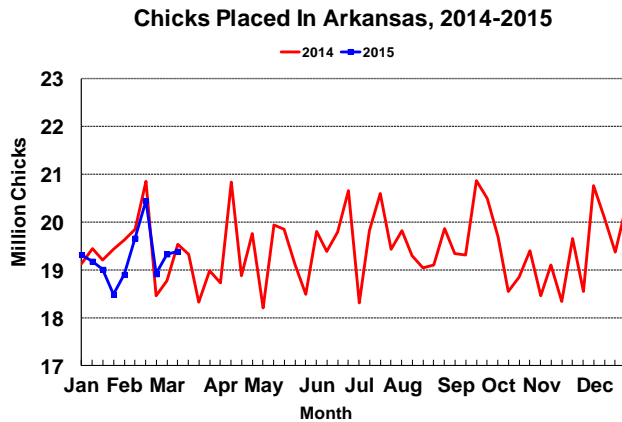


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 19.4 million during the week ending March 7, 2015. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2014 but up slightly from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 21.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 7, 2015, up 4 percent from the same period last year but down 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 7, 2015 - March 7, 2015

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	7-Feb	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	7-Feb	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	28,699	29,197	28,812	29,070	28,906	21,710	21,815	21,959	22,242	21,740
Arkansas	21,600	21,638	22,200	22,071	21,702	19,663	20,447	18,916	19,331	19,387
Delaware	4,820	4,883	4,771	4,903	4,832	4,576	5,156	4,864	5,227	4,996
Florida	1,224	1,221	1,051	1,046	1,068	1,518	1,303	1,020	1,303	1,362
Georgia	33,719	33,367	33,536	33,064	32,733	27,625	27,315	25,608	25,633	26,546
Kentucky	7,901	7,791	7,684	7,821	7,218	7,036	5,509	5,903	6,304	6,058
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,342	3,341	3,377	3,356	3,365
Maryland	7,572	7,809	7,621	7,784	7,744	6,698	5,903	6,291	6,148	6,126
Mississippi	18,044	18,000	17,985	17,841	17,576	14,541	14,697	15,065	15,076	15,047
Missouri	8,195	8,194	8,180	8,229	7,810	5,946	5,350	6,149	5,728	6,253
N. Carolina	21,133	21,151	20,980	21,174	20,999	16,281	16,820	16,729	17,272	17,577
Oklahoma	6,377	6,588	6,507	6,255	6,588	3,911	3,943	4,668	4,301	4,079
Pennsylvania	4,469	4,569	4,513	4,451	4,384	3,931	3,939	3,744	3,866	3,921
S. Carolina	5,502	5,567	5,471	5,517	5,586	4,266	4,678	5,007	4,669	4,364
Texas	15,311	15,351	15,277	15,288	15,411	11,950	11,944	12,300	12,366	12,236
Virginia	6,534	6,547	6,604	6,587	6,845	5,676	4,648	4,995	5,207	5,464
CA,TN & WV	11,333	12,153	12,170	12,076	11,865	10,366	11,234	11,261	10,532	11,821
19 State Total	206,266	207,859	207,195	207,010	205,100	169,036	168,042	167,856	168,561	170,342
% of Prev. Year	103	104	103	102	101	103	102	103	104	104
Other States	7,847	7,890	7,977	8,064	7,924	5,659	6,363	6,052	6,338	5,973
U.S. Total	214,113	215,749	215,172	215,074	213,024	174,695	174,405	173,908	174,899	176,315

Revisions made to the previous four-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 7, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 7, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 7, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 7, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 7, 2015 for the United States were 1.58 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.